Dr. A. R. Menon.—The officer made allegations against a councillor and the Government were satisfied that the allegations were false. This is a serious matter because the allegations are made by a paid servant against an honorary worker. May I know why no action was taken against the officer?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The matter was not considered so serious as to require any action.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the idea of the Government that an officer of the municipality making false allegations against a councillor is not a serious matter?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—In the particular circumstances of this case they thought that it was not a matter to be pursued any further. So as usual it was recorded.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What are the special features in this case which made the Government to come to that conclusion?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Government cannot divulge all these features.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the policy of the Government not to take any action when a paid officer makes false allegations against a councillor?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no question of policy involved in this matter. The Councillor did not want to take any further action against the petitioner. He was content with the application being recorded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is exactly meant by the word 'Record'?

Mr. President.—Recording means that no further action is necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it destroying it?

Mr. President.—It will be destroyed some years after.

Trenching Ground in Laloor.

70. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the nuisance caused by the 'Dumping Ground' in Laloor, especially in the rainy season to the residents near by and to the travellers who have to go that way;

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(b) what steps do Government propose to take to remove or at least alleviate the above nuisance?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Yes. The Trichur Municipality has received complaints from the neighbouring residents.

(b) Arrangements are being made to shift the trenching ground from Laloor to a place known as Kurichikara beyond Anapara. Every care is taken to trench the night soil at the present ground without causing nuisance to the neighbouring residents.

Mr. Devadhar's report on Co-operation in Cochin State.

71. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Devadhar Report on Co-operation in Cochin State is ready for publication?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No. Mr. Devadhar died before he could submit the report to the Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—When I sent this question Mr. Devadhar was in flesh and blood and now I am very sorry that he is dead. Is the Government in possession of any manuscript left by him in regard to this matter?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—We will enquire into the matter.

Improvements of Girls' High School, Ernakulam.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the name of the Contractor;

(b) were the dismantled materials accounted for;

(c) was there any correspondence between the acting Assistant Engineer and Cochin-Kanayannur Overseer regarding the dismantled glass shutters of the School;

(d) was this verified in detail and how it ended;

(e) did the Chief Engineer write about the character and behaviour of Mr. K. Verghese to the late Diwan Mr. Herbert and what was the recommendation of the Diwan in the file about his conduct;

(f) did he recommend for any punishment;

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